Supply of copy of cost Audit Report

1978. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to direct the management of the companies to supply the copy of the Cost Audit Report to the workers' representatives with a view to arrive at fair wage rates and to avoid strikes; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Under the Companies Act, there are no provisions for empowering the Government to direct the management of a Company to furnish a copy of the cost audit report to workers' representatives.

1979. [Transferred to the 30th August, 1990]

Misuse of Food Aid by NDDB

1980. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports of misuse of food aid received from USA etc. which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated 26th May, 1990 by Voluntary Relief Agencies;

(b) whether Government are also aware that there have been similar reports on misuse and misdirection of WFP|EEC|CLUSA|CIDA food aid (milk and vegetable oils) which was meant for children under Op. Flood I & II and for sale to public at fair prices but which is now being sold to the middlemen and vanaspati factories under cover of Intervention Operations by NDDB; and

(c) if so, whether Government would inquire into the gift import operations of NDDB which are leading to commercial imports and dependence on imports of farm products which are largely being supplied to affluent in the cities and not being channelised through P.D.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Control on Aerial spraying of pesticides

1981. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any control on aerial application of pesticides as in U.K. and if so, the list of pesticides permitted for such spraying; and

(b) if answer to the part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Aerial spraying operations are regulated in our country under the Insecticides Rules, 1971. These regulations stipulate various parameters of safety to human beings, animals and also about the use of approved insecticides and their formulations to be sprayed from air. Approval for the use of such insecticides is accorded under the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules framed thereunder. The list of pesticides so far approved for aerial spraying on crops is annexed. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 61] Similar control also exist in many countries including U.K.

Density of dwelling units

1982. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UN envisages construction of ten dwelling units per 1000 population while our rate has been about one third of this as reported in *Pioneer* (LKO), of

11-7-90 and if so; what corrective steps have been taken/proposed to be taken;

(b) whether it is a fact that housing situation is serious both in the rural and urban areas; and

(c) whether in making plans, due attention would be paid to casual labour, women and the disabled and the destitutes?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As against UN recommendation of construction of 8 to 10 dwelling units per 1000 of population per year, the rate of construction varies from 2 to 5 in developing nations, to around 8 in developed nations. In India the rate was around 3.84 during 1971—81 and is estimated to be 4.2 during 1981—90. The problem in India is also the need for upgradations, large number of unserviceable kutcha houses in rural and urban areas and improvement of housing environment. To stipulate housing activity in term of new construction, repairs, upgradation of old and unserviceable kutcha houses and provision of infrastructure & services, Government have initiated several steps in areas of housing finance, supply of serviced land, building materials & technology and removal of constraints. These include:—

(i) The NHB has launched the Home Loan Account Scheme, and Refinance Scheme for housing by the commercial banks, Housing Finance Institutions and Cooperatives, Land Development and shelter Programmes

(ii) Several regional Housing Finance Institutions have been set up.

(iii) Operations of HUDCO have been expanded.

(iv) Stress has been given for increasing production of building materials based on local resources and in the establishment of building centres for technology transfer and training of workmen.

(v) To coordinate the activities of technology transfer, Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council has been set up under the aegis of this Ministry.

(vi) To provide serviced land, HUDCO has been financing Urban infrastructure and land development schemes apart from increased loans for construction and upgradation of houses.

(vii) Night Shelters are constructed in metropolitan and other cities under the Footpath Dwellers Scheme.

(viii) Shelter upgradation for the urban poor under the Nehru Rozgar Yojna is promoted.

(ix) Delhi Rent Control Act has been amended in order to stimulate rental housing. The States and Union Territories have been asked to make similar modification in the State Rent Laws.

(x) Housing being a State subject, State Governments have been advised to reorient and strengthen the public housing agencies and the local bodies to facilitate faster construction and delivery of housing through private, cooperative and community efforts.

(c) Under the States sector Minimum Needs Programme house sites-cum-construction assistance is provided in rural areas to landless labour and artisans for construction of dwelling units. During 7th Plan house sites to 43.20 lakh households and construction assistance to 22.55 lakh house-holds have been provided. As regards women, the disabled and destitutes, the draft Housing Policy envisages that the State Governments should assume direct responsibility for improving their housing situation. Adequate attention will be given while devising programmes for women in terms of joint or ex-

clusive title, assess to credit, home based employment and shelter design and to amend all related laws for this purpose. HUDCO is operating a special scheme for working women. Housing agencies reserve a proportion of houses for the physically handicapped.

Sale of Dhara Oil in 1 Litre pack by NDDB

1983. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDDB's Dhara Oil is being packed and sold all over the country in 1 litre packs;

(b) under what Rules|Authority the Central Government had given approval to 1 litre packing;

(c) whether Government would forthwith stop sales in 1 litre packs as this amounts to deceiving the public and also take action against NDDB and those responsible therefor; and

(d) whether the State Governments would also be advised to take necessary action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Dhara oil packed in 1 litre tetra-packs is sold in certain parts of the country.

(b) Under Notification No. S.O. 596 (E) dated 27-7-90 in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to rule 5 of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, the NDDB has been permitted to pack oils in one Litre packs.

(c) and (d) In view of the answer (b) above, question does not arise.

Undue delay in making correction in Ration Cards

1984. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Food and Civil Supplies Department, Delhi Administration are taking 7—10 days for changing addresses in Ration Cards; if so, what are the reasons for such long delays despite public notices in offices assuring only one hour delay in change of address; and

(b) whether Government would ensure that inconvenience caused to public is stopped by taking corrective steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The necessity for changing addresses in ration cards arises either due to change of residence within the Circle or to some other Circle of the Food and Supplies Deptt. of Delhi Administration.

In case of change of Circle, the consumer has to surrender the original ration card and the issue of fresh card in the new Circle, which is not possible in an hour. Request of changes within the Circle supported by evidence of legal possession of the new residential premises, are attended to immediately. In other cases, entries in the ration cards are amended after verification of the facts by spot visit by the Area Inspector.

Irregularities in admission in IARI and other Agricultural Universities

1985. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal had recently made serious observations in the matter of admissions to the Ph.D. programmes in Bio-chemistry at the IARI, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;